

October 27, 2004  
To: The FCC  
Re: LPFM

I am writing this in concerned response to hearing that one of the radio stations (Air1) I frequently listen to (3-4 days/week) is threatened by the proposed expanded service of LPFM in my listening area.

Air 1 is 1 of 2 Christian radio stations available in the Portland metro area and the only station that plays music from smaller, alternative, lesser known but high quality bands from around the country and the world. Beyond providing music, this radio station also provides local, national and world news, service opportunities in the local community and many valuable radio spots from different Christian organizations about family life, marriage, responsible finances, etc. Daily I share times of prayer with Christians from around the country and am reminded, encouraged and inspired to serve Christ and therefore my community around me.

Air1 works to encourage local Christians to get involved in local projects and charities – Local Rescue Missions being one of the major organizations promoted. In a time when most radio stations use gags, shock value, and gimmicks to promote themselves Air1 is working to inspire their listeners to reach out and make a difference in their communities.

Air1 is also a station that parents can let their kids listen to without worrying about what's coming next, whether it's from the advertisements or the radio personalities. As an adult, I appreciate that I don't have to worry about what I'm going to hear either. Air1 is supported by its listeners – a testimony to the value of the station – and therefore I don't have to listen to ads promoting products I don't need, want or even find offensive.

The service that Air1 provides to our local community is a positive addition to a constant buzz of noise coming over the airwaves that is too often negative and/or objectionable. In Portland we are encouraged to serve our neighbor next door and to remember our larger community, our nation and our world as we make decisions about what we participate in, volunteer in, donate to and promote.

Please take the steps to protect Air1 in our community and the many other communities around the country who risk losing a positive voice to listen to every day.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Matthews  
Vancouver Washington/Portland Oregon